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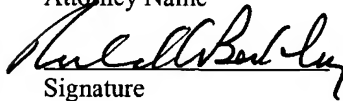
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Also enclosed is a copy of the search report in French Application No. FR 0208413, on which the present application is based, together with an English translation of the categories of documents cited. The category designated for each document indicates the relevance of the document in the view of the searching authority.

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